

## State of North Carolina Office of the Governor

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## STATEMENT FROM GOV. MIKE EASLEY CONCERNING THE DEATH OF FORMER STATE REP. RUTH EASTERLING OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY

"Ruth was so tiny that she could not reach the breakfast buffet at the mansion and I always served her. But she was a giant of a champion for children, education and the weak. She was the 'Lady of the House' and we all respected and loved her."

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